

# CARLSBAD *Currents*

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*Welcome* to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events. Want more information? Visit the City of Carlsbad website at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

## **Halloween on Elm** *serves up family friendly fun*

Get ready for a spooktacular time at the city's first **ever Halloween on Elm** (did you know Carlsbad Village Drive used to be called Elm Avenue?). Taking place in the city's downtown Village, the family friendly event will feature a wide array of fun activities for the community—and even pets!

"Halloween on Elm is a great place for people to meet their neighbors and enjoy an afternoon of fun and activities in the heart of the Village," said Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Debbie Fountain. "From carnival games and costume contests to the outdoor movie and the farmers' market, there is something for everyone."

Halloween on Elm takes place on **Saturday, Oct. 30**, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., at locations throughout the Village, but activities are primarily located on State and Roosevelt streets.

For more information on the event, visit the city's website, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov), or call 760-434-2815.

### **Free activities**

- Halloween-themed carnival games and jump houses
- Costume contests for people and pets
- Safe trick or treat at local businesses
- Outdoor Halloween movie
- Food
- Safe costume checks
- Halloween "how-to" makeup demonstrations
- Live music and entertainment
- Farmers' market with Halloween activities (pumpkin patch, jumping for apples, pie baking contest)
- Haunted House at the Boys & Girls Club
- Themed storefront decorating contest



# Be prepared: Create an **EMERGENCY KIT**

October is prime wildfire season in San Diego County and a perfect time to make sure you are prepared for emergencies, whether it be a fire, earthquake or other disaster.



**A good first step is to assemble a home emergency supply kit, including:**

- **Water:** one gallon of water per person, per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- **Food:** at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food for each person
- **Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio**
- **Flash light**
- **Extra batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape**
- **Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation**
- **Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities**
- **Local maps**
- **Important documents, like insurance policies and passports, and a small supply of cash**
- **Pet food and other supplies**

For a complete list of emergency preparedness kit items and other emergency planning information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). You can also watch a video about how to put together a kit on the city's YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/cityofcarlsbadca](http://www.youtube.com/cityofcarlsbadca).

# Remember to check **smoke detectors**

**Batteries don't last forever**, and the change to standard time (coming up on Nov. 7) provides the perfect reminder to make sure that home smoke detectors are in working condition. A working smoke detector provides one of the best ways for people to be protected from fires.



## Library Literacy Program **changes lives**

### Does this sound familiar?

"I don't have time to complete this form. Can I take it home?"

"I forgot my glasses. Can you read this for me?"

"I hurt my hand. Can you fill out this form for me?"

Approximately one in five San Diego County residents cannot read and write well enough to get a job, help their children with homework or participate in community activities. There is help! The Carlsbad City Library Learning Center offers free tutoring in basic reading and writing for English-speaking adults. For more information, call **760-931-4510** or visit [www.carlsbadlibrary.org](http://www.carlsbadlibrary.org). Services are friendly, confidential and free.





# Free & fun city events

## The World of Adonna Khare: Beasts, Backpacks and Curious Creatures

Now through Sunday, Nov. 7,  
Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.  
to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

William D. Cannon Art Gallery,  
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)

760-602-2021

Los Angeles artist Adonna Khare is wild about animals. Her delightful works display both a stunning technical ability and a wild and woolly imagination.

## Chilling Tales

Thursday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.  
Gowland Meeting Room,  
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
760-602-2026

Just in time for Halloween, teens and adults are invited to an evening with storyteller Steven Henegar.

## Halloween on Elm

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2 to 9 p.m.  
Carlsbad Village, 760-434-2815

Dress up a day early and celebrate Carlsbad's first Halloween on Elm. (See page one for details.)

## The Lighter Side of Aging

Saturday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m.  
Georgina Cole Library, 760-602-2026

Based on his book *A Treasury for Seniors*, Richard Lederer will share his insights into the great adventure of becoming chronologically gifted.

## Science Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.  
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2047

Kids and their families are invited to a special program: The Science of Cooking at Your Library.

# Keep the beaches clean, recycle used motor oil



Recycling used motor oil keeps it out of the city's creeks, lagoons, ocean and ground water. Help keep Carlsbad clean by disposing of used motor oil at one of the following facilities:

## Door-to-door collection program

The city's contractor, PSC, can pick up used oil and other household hazardous waste at Carlsbad residences.

800-714-1195

A \$10 co-payment is required. By appointment only.

## Free drop off programs

Waste Management Recycling Facility  
2880 Industry St., Oceanside  
760-929-9400

Open alternating Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
(by appointment only) [www.northcounty.wm.com](http://www.northcounty.wm.com)

PSC

1145 East Taylor St., Vista  
800-714-1195

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Other recyclables

Waste Management Buyback Center  
5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad  
760-929-9400

Tuesday to Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
(closed noon – 12:40 p.m.)

*This facility does not accept used motor oil or other household hazardous waste; however, it does accept recyclables such as aluminum, glass and plastic in exchange for cash. E-waste and household batteries are also accepted at this facility.*

**For more information** on disposal locations and types of items that can be recycled, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

# New meters *Save water, money*

The Carlsbad Municipal Water District is installing new automated water meters at homes and businesses throughout the city.

Using advanced wireless technology to keep track of water use, the new meters detect leaks more quickly than the existing system of manually checking meters.

Before installing the new meters, water district staff will leave a door hanger at the residence several days in advance with information about what week the meter will be installed.

During the installation of the new meter, water will be turned off for approximately 30 minutes. A water district representative will alert the resident by knocking on the door prior to turning off the water. Residents do not need to be home during the installation (water meters are outside).

For more information, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov/water](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/water) or call 760-438-2722.



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## Watch it!

Watch the city's new "virtual water audit," a short video walking residents through water saving tips, indoors and out, just like the popular in person home water survey program.



[www.youtube.com/cityofcarlsbadca](http://www.youtube.com/cityofcarlsbadca)

## Ask the City



The city answers questions from residents.

### Is I-5 going to be widened through Carlsbad?

A project is being proposed to widen I-5 by up to six additional lanes from La Jolla Village Drive to Harbor Drive in Oceanside. The project also includes building sound walls and new bridges. In most cases, Caltrans is proposing to use its right of way, but in some locations, particularly around onramps and off ramps, some private property will be affected.

The City of Carlsbad and all the other affected cities are providing input about what is being proposed, but cities do not have the final decision making power. Caltrans, a state agency, the Federal Highway Administration and SANDAG, our regional association of governments, will ultimately make the decision about how to proceed with this project. For more information and to provide your feedback, visit [www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](http://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com) or call Caltrans at 619-688-6670.

## What's the **phone number** for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Report broken/leaky irrigation	760-438-2722
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Business license information	760-602-2495
City jobline	760-602-2480
Animal control	760-438-2312
Utility billing	760-602-2420
Storm water hotline	760-602-2799

For a complete list of commonly requested phone numbers, click on "Carlsbad A-Z" on the city's home page, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov). Not sure who to call? You can always call City Hall during regular business hours, and we'll get you to the right place.

